

It appears to be an authentic fact that since the Virgin Forest of Pocahontas County have been cut out and especially the famous White Pine trees, that the early killing frost and the late killing frost are not so prevalent. Late killing frosts in the spring and early killing frosts in the fall made farming a precarious source subsistence to early settlers.

As late as 1810, the fact that corn would ripen on Marlins Bottom ( now Marlinton ) sufficiently to make meal was of great interest to the surrounding settlers. Cultivating patches of buckwheat, corn, beans, and potatoes comprised most of the pioneer farming enterprise for supplementing supplies of game and fish.

The staple agricultural products are corn, oats, wheat, hay, potatoes, apples, peaches, grapes, and rye, in their approximate order named.

Of recent years it is found that Alfalfa has proven to be a successful crop. Soy-Beans have proven to be a successful crop. And Barley has been experimented with in the last few years by the farmers and found it to be a splendid paying crop.

Sweet potatoes, Watermellons, Peanuts, have been tried out, but have been abandoned on the account of climatic conditions.

No industries of any nature have been established in Pocahontas County that have been proven to be unsuitable.

Climatological facts can best be gained by examining the records of the past years . The County is particularly fortunate in having a public-spirited man in the person of Mr H.S.Sutton of Arbovale<sup>h</sup> who has kept the Cooperative Observers Meterological record ~~parfbetly~~ since the year of 1924 to August 1940 and has never missed a day in the period of 16 years .

The public-spirited citizen Mr, S.L.Brown who was County Clerk about 40 years, kept practically a complete record of rainfall, snowfall, and temperature , from 18<sup>93</sup> 93 to 1927 . at Marlinton.

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Monthly, Annual, and Mean Snowfall in Inches at  
Marlinton. S.L. Brown, Observer.

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1893									
1893	M	18.5	1.0	.....	.....	.....	2.5	3.0	.....
1894	6.0	18.0	1.0	T	.....	.....	5.0	M	.....
1895	M	8.0	10.5	1.0	.....	.....	0.5	9.8	.....
1896	1.1	3.1	14.2	1.5	.....	.....	3.0	2.0	24.9
1897	10.0	13.5	6.0	T	.....	.....	1.0	4.0	34.5
1898	9.0	3.0	6.0	2.5	.....	.....	3.5	11.7	35.7
1899	4.0	27.5	3.0	T	.....	.....	T	8.0	42.5
1900	T	7.0	21.0	T	.....	.....	1.5	2.5	32.0
1901	9.3	1.5	0.5	.....	.....	.....	M	M	.....
1902	M	M	M	M	.....	1.0	1.5	11.0	.....
1903	M	M	M	M	T	.....	3.0	12.0	.....
1904	10.5	10.5	M	T	T	.....	M	M	.....
1905	M	M	T	1.0	.....	.....	M	M	.....
1906	M	3.5	26.5	.....	.....	.....	M	M	.....
1907	M	M	M	.....	.....	.....	M	M	.....
1908	M	32.0	M	M	.....	T	7.0	20.0	.....
1909	M	M	M	M	.....	.....	M	M	.....
1910	5.0	9.0	4.0	.....	.....	T	T	15.0	33.0
1911	9.0	3.5	6.5	.....	.....	.....	0.2	1.5	20.7
1912	11/5	6.0	5.5	.....	.....	.....	8.0	31.0	
1913	4.0	1.0	T	1.0	.....	.....	3.0	2.5	11.5
1914	14.6	20.0	15.5	.....	.....	.....	M	M	.....
1915	19.0	T	6.0	0.5	.....	T	2.0	2.0	34.5
1916	10.5	6.5	7.0	10.0	.....	.....	.....	14.5	48.5
1917	8.5	6.0	2.5	T	.....	3.0	T	18.0	38.0

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
1918	31.0	5.0	T	8.5	.....		T	1.5	46.0
1919	8.5	7.5	T	T	.....		0.5	6.5	23.0
1920	1.0	5.0	0.5	2.0	.....		M.	2.5	M
1921	9.0	10.0	T	T	.....	T	T	5.5	24.5
1922	15.0	16.0	1.5	T	.....	T	0.5	1.0	34.0
1923	9.5	9.0	2.0	0	1.5	.....	T	1.0	23.0
1924	2.0	9.0	3.5	2.0	.....		5.0	T	21.5
1925	23.5	T	6.0	T	...	13.0	T	T	42.5
1926	<del>11.5</del> 9.5	19.5	16.5	6.0	....	T	T	1.5	45.0
1927	4.5	7.0	1.0	0.5	....	....	2.0	1.0	16.0
Means	9.5	9.2	5.8	1.2	T	0.6	1.6	6.3	31.5

M indicates report missing.

T indicates trace. *an amount less than 0.01*

Not snowfall recorded in June, July, August, September, 1893-1927.